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1. Reference is made to Pavlov-Posad in paragraph 1 on page 2. This should probably read Pavlovskiy Posad, N 55-47, E 38-40.
2. On page 3, for otdelenye khozyaystvennovo obsluzhivanya read otdeleniye khozyaystvennovo obsluzhivaniya.

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## THE SOVIET ARMY 107TH SEP ROAD CONSTRUCTION BN

1. History of Battalion

The 107th Sep Road Construction Bn was formed in PAVLOV-POSAD (coordinates not available) near MOSCOW in early Jan 42. It was subsequently transferred to KRESTTSY (5911N-3231E) in Leningrad Province, where it was assigned to the units constituting the Northwestern Front. In KRESTTSY the battalion was given the mission of maintaining certain roads during the winter months. At first it was directly subordinate to the Road Department, Northwestern Front; but in the spring of 1942 it was transferred to the Eleventh Army, which itself was subordinate to the same Front. The Battalion was thus relieved of servicing the roads previously assigned to it and was given a new mission of building roads in the rear of the Eleventh Army. It was therefore moved closer to the front lines than before. In order to accomplish its new mission, the battalion concentrated its efforts and resources on building only roads with a wooden-beam foundation (corduroy roads and log paths) over badly-damaged spots where normal motor transport was difficult.

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2. Organization of Battalion

## a. Subordination

The battalion was directly subordinate to the Road Department, Northwestern Front. On certain occasions, however, it became directly subordinate to the Road Department of an Army (see above). Source did not know how many such battalions were found in an Army or Front.

## b. Mission

The battalion's mission was to build Army Group (Front) and Army roads during the summer months and only to maintain roads during the winter months when weather conditions interrupted construction. At an average, the battalion was responsible for about 70 to 80 km of roads, more in the summer and a little less in the winter. It had no combat mission whatsoever.

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See Annex A for Source's [ ] sketch describing the organization of the 107th Sep Road Construction Bn.

The personalities, responsibilities and procedures of each of the units shown in Annex A are given below. 2.

(1) Battalion CO. He was Sr Lt-Tech (fnu) ROGACHEV, who was later promoted to captain-engineer.

(2) Deputy Battalion CO for Political Matters. This position was filled by Sr Lt (fnu) KIRYUZHIN. 3.

(3) Secretary of the Party Organization. This position was held by an unidentified officer. 3.

(4) Chief of Staff. This position was held by an unidentified officer, who was assisted by two NCO clerks. One of them handled unclassified and the second secret correspondence. Staff messengers were selected from privates.

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(5) Deputy Battalion CO for Technical Matters. This position was held by an unidentified engineer officer who was responsible for all technical matters. He was assisted by an officer-engineer, an officer-technician, one NCO draftsman and a clerk (a private).

(6) Deputy to the Battalion CO for Housekeeping Matters. This individual (unidentified) (title in Russian: po khozyaystvennoy chasty) supplied the battalion with food, forage and clothing. He was assisted by an officer who handled food and forage supply, a second officer who handled all other supplies, two warehouse workers (either NCO's or privates) and one NCO clerk.

(7) Finance Officer. This officer was responsible for paying battalion personnel. In this connection it must be noted that other sections of the battalion serviced not only battalion personnel but also certain transient personnel travelling along roads for which the battalion was responsible.

(8) Medical Officer. He was responsible for the medical treatment of both battalion and transient personnel.

(9) Veterinarian. This individual, a Feldsher, treated unit horses as well as those of other units passing through in a transient status.

(10) Security Squad. This consisted of 10 to 12 soldiers and was responsible for guarding warehouses as well as the Battalion staff. It was commanded by an NCO.

(11) Construction Companies. The battalion had three of these construction companies. Each was commanded by an unidentified line officer who was assisted by a political officer, a deputy CO for technical matters (an officer), a nurse (a female officer) and a clerk (a private).

Each construction company, in turn, consisted of three construction platoons, and one service squad (otdelenye khozyaystvennoy ob-sluzhivaniya). Each construction platoon was composed of approximately 34 to 38 soldiers who were primarily chosen from limited service personnel. The platoon CO was an officer, unidentified and of line status. The mission of each of these platoons was to build roads or to maintain roads during the winter months. Platoon equipment consisted of picks and mattocks, axes, saws, shovels, crow-bars, etc. The service squad of each company consisted of from eight to 10 EM and was charged with feeding the company.

(12) Transportation Company. This consisted of three horse transportation platoons, one vehicle transportation squad and one service squad. The CO of this transportation company was an officer with the rank of senior technical lieutenant [redacted] 50X1 who was first a lieutenant and then a senior lieutenant. He was assisted by a political officer, three platoon CO's (junior lieutenants or lieutenants), a transportation squad leader (a first sergeant), a service squad leader (an NCO) and a company clerk (an NCO).

Each transportation platoon consisted of from 30 to 32 soldiers selected primarily from limited-service personnel. Each platoon had from 36 to 38 horses at its disposal. Its mission was to transport construction material to the sites where the construction companies were working. Construction material consisted mainly of lumber, sand, gravel,

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branches, etc. During the summer months the platoon also levelled and maintained road surfaces, utilizing road levellers made out of wood by platoon personnel. During the winter months the platoon cleared snow from the roads by means of snowplows constructed in the shape of wooden triangles. It also built snow fences along the roads.

The transportation squad consisted of 14 to 16 soldiers, most of whom were specialists such as drivers, mechanics, mechanics' helpers and tractor drivers. It had five ZIS-5 trucks, five GAZ-AA trucks and two GTZ-65 tractor trucks with trailers. Its mission was mainly to haul construction material although it also transported battalion supplies such as food, forage and ammunition from Army Group (Front) and Army warehouses. It was also responsible for vehicle maintenance of the first-echelon type, periodic vehicle servicing and making minor repairs on both trucks and tractors. Major repairs were handled by Army Group or Army shops. Source had no further information on this squad.

The service squad consisted of eight to 10 limited-service personnel and was commanded by an NCO. Its mission was to feed military personnel travelling along the roads under the parent battalion's jurisdiction and to provide certain housekeeping services for the transportation company.

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3. Battalion Strength

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754.17  
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527N  
N  
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Annex A

Organization of the 107th Sap Road Construction Bn (as known to Source)

